

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 580

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Black upon his being named the 2011 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year for the FAA Southern Region Airports Division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Black, who was recently named the 2011 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Southern Region Airports Division; and

WHEREAS, executive director of Smyrna Airport, Mr. Black received special recognition for his Great Tennessee Airshow, featuring the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and attracting more than 50,000 attendees, which resulted in \$35,000 in donations to the community; and

WHEREAS, under his direction, Smyrna Airport became the first in Tennessee to install electric vehicle charging stations and LED taxiway lights and recently activated a one-megawatt solar farm, one of only two major airport solar projects in the State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black also led the Smyrna Airport to earn the 2011 Airport of the Year award from the Tennessee Aeronautics Division and a Red Carpet award for customer service, operational excellence, unique programs, and quality facilities for passenger services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these awards, John Black and Smyrna Airport Manager Lois Vallance won the Airport Management of the Year award, a testament to their strong leadership and their tireless efforts to improve facilities, attract business, and find green solutions to fulfill operational needs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black credits the airport's immense success to the hard work and dedication of its board members, employees, volunteers, and interns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Black for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Black upon his being named the 2011 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year for the FAA Southern Region Airports Division and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.